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BETWEEN GSM AND ANSI  
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Art Unit: 2681

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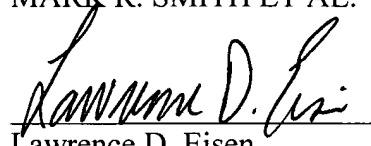
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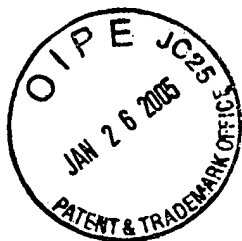
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